

Art Unit: 3744

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Tom Burger on 4/08/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claim 1, line 19, the phrase "of the cabin zones" has been changed to --of the cabin zones, and

the injection temperature target value for the first cabin zone is established upon the basis of a first correction value which is dependent upon an ambient temperature target value for the first cabin zone, wherein the first correction value can be entered manually.--

Claim 4, line 3, the phrase "first correction value" has been changed to --second correction value—

Claim 6 has been cancelled.

Claim 11, lines 12-18, have been deleted and replaced with:

characterized in that a first cabin zone not within the selected number of the cabin zones does not have an ambient temperature sensor, and the electronic control unit establishes an injection temperature target value for the first cabin zone, upon the basis of (1) an injection temperature target value of at least one second cabin zone different from the first cabin zone, and (2) an injection temperature actual value of at

least one second cabin zone different from the first cabin zone, and (3) a first correction value which is dependent upon an ambient temperature target value for the first cabin zone, whereby the at least one second cabin zone is within the selected number of the cabin zones.

In the specification, page 1, line 25, the word "discreet" has been changed to "discrete."

2. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The manual entry of the correction factor between cabin zones was not taught or suggested by the prior art of record; further, Pennington (US Patent Application Publication No. 2006/0064257), which addresses a similar problem of modeling thermal behavior to reduce the required number of sensors, explicitly teaches manual adjustment of correction factors to be unwise, due to the ease in which bad data can be entered (see paragraph [0013]).

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to ALEXIS K. COX whose telephone number is (571)270-5530. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Thursday 9:00a.m. to 6:30p.m. EST.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Frantz Jules or Cheryl Tyler can be reached on 571-272-6681. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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